

Notice of a
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
January 26, 2011
AGENDA
(updated 1.26.12)

4:30 PM CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING – School Library

ADJOURN to a CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – MS Home Ec Room 116

The Board may adjourn to meet in a closed Executive Session regarding personnel matters, per RCW 42.30.110.1(g)

5:30 PM RE-CONVENE to REGULAR MEETING- School Library

1. Pledge of Allegiance
- *2. Consent Agenda

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. *JANUARY is School Board Appreciation Month.*

SPECIAL REPORTS

4. ASB (Associated Student Body) Report
5. OEA (Orcas Education Association) Report
6. PSE (Public School Employees) Report
7. PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Assoc) Report

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT

8. Business Report – Keith Whitaker
9. K-8 Principal's Report - Kyle Freeman
10. Facilities and Transportation Report – David Johnson
12. Superintendent's Report – Barbara Kline

PUBLIC COMMENTS

13. Members of the community, parents, students, staff, administrators and visitors are invited to make statements or requests that are in the best interest of our schools, with each presentation limited to not more than three minutes.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- *14. Discuss and determine budget reductions.
- *15. Accept donation of \$1000 from Lek Thixton
- *16. Accept donation of \$396.86 worth of musical instruments from Eastsound Instruments and Supplies owner, Jack Becker.
- *17. Accept donation of \$15,225.95 to support Middle and High School Marine Science programming.**
- *18. Accept \$500 donation from the Emanuel Parish for PIP (Primary Intervention Program).
19. Review Primary Intervention Program - see attached report.
- *20. Approve Resolution 2012-01 for OSPI Energy Operational Savings Grant Application.
- *21. Approve and sign letter of intent for Energy Grant application.
- *22. **Second Reading and Adoption of Policies:**
 - 2255 Alternative Learning revisions;
 - 3245 Students and Telecommunications Devices;
 - NEW 3515 Student Incentives;
 - 5403 Emergency Leave;
 - NEW 5404 Family Leave.

ADJOURN

*Denotes possible action

IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES: Regular School Board Meeting – February 23, 2012 @ 5:30pm in The School Library.

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**LL TO ORDER –** Public Session:

Chair Tony Ghazel convened the regular meeting at 5:35pm in the School Library and announced that the board was in an executive session for approximately one hour regarding personnel issues and no decisions were made.

Board Members Attending:

Chair Tony P. Ghazel, presiding, Vice Chair Chris Sutton, Janet Brownell, Scott Lancaster, and Jim Sullivan.

Administration:

Supt/ HS Principal Barbara Kline, K-8 Principal Kyle Freeman, Business Mgr. Keith Whitaker, and Admin Asst. Cathy Ferran.

Others:

M.Randolph, M.Gaylord, AF.McGrath, P.Jenkins, K.Schuh, K.Kier, T.White, G.White, M.Doyle, J.Nigretto, J.Paulsen, C.Evans and others.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion: by Lancaster, second by Sullivan to approve the Consent Agenda.

Vote: Unanimous Approval (5-0)

Motion: by Sullivan, second by Brownell to move up General Business item #14- Discuss and determine budget reductions and Public Comments regarding the budget reductions.

Vote: Unanimous Approval (5-0)

General Business Item #14

J.Paulsen asked if apportionment and the Energy Grant pledge of \$33,000 were included in the budget. Mgr.Whitaker assured that Elementary Spanish and the elementary school project support were included in the revenue report. Winter and spring sports were not in the budget. Teacher, Anne Ford McGrath on behalf of the OEA (Orcas Education Assn) thanked the board for their tireless commitment; "this is a wonderful place". She then went on to say that they received a 1.9% cut in pay with no reduction of the workload. The OEA would like to see cuts for other district employees made in the in line with theirs – reduce pay; not workload. Parent Tess White feels that "para-educators" are vital to the school and "there aren't enough". She is concerned that we don't have enough to meet the current needs. Teacher Pam Jenkins agreed; she would like to see that any reductions exclude para-educators and that any reductions in pay be equal. Para-educator Patty Sawyer reminded that para-educators have already seen 5 days of reduced pay over the school year. Parent Jennifer Horton expressed fear that her son could not receive an education and is grateful for the one-on-one aide he now has. Christopher Evans identified himself as the parent of Mona in Martha Inch's class and asked, "What kind of cuts?" Supt.Kline averred that it was all still up for discussion. Evans went on to express his concerns for the Special Ed program. He strongly opposes further cuts to the Special Ed program. He "notices a trend in the number of special needs students rising, longer broader perspective needed." Tess White added that there is "volumes of research to indicate early education's payoff later is huge." Director Brownell suggested maintenance cuts be reconsidered. Discussion ensued as to the proposed reductions to Special Ed and Kari Schuh; Special Ed Director spoke to the significant hit the program took at the beginning of the year despite "significant increase in needs". Facilities Director David Johnson commented that the proposed reductions would mean just one maintenance person on over the summer. He is watching the budget closely and he "will gladly take a .1 cut to help and does not envy the board's position - no building, no school". Parent, Vicky Vandermay,

asked if the kids would have access to AR testing if the library were closed. Director Brownell said that OIEF has committed to funding the library position. Supt.Kline and Mgr.Whitaker went on to explain that budgets must be set in September based on forecast enrollment. Apportionment dollars are finalized by the state the following January. The state adjusted apportionment dollars for ALE programs after the budget was adopted. Thus, our ALE funds were cut by \$189,000. Whitaker went on to explain that while there was a \$43,000. increase in general apportionment; Special Ed lost \$18,000. The budget was built with an expectation of \$286,000 in local donations and grants; current is \$143,000. Energy rebates are also less than forecast and electric rates have gone up. Interest of \$73,000 will be due on Capital Projects loan before the levy monies are fully collected. Director Lancaster asked why the energy savings wasn't more for the elementary school. Supt.Kline is meeting with UMC and she will provide more clarification. Special Ed per student funding is insufficient. More information will be provided for the BAC meeting Monday. Director Ghazel asked for a financial report on Special Ed. Director Sutton stated that the hope was that enrollment was higher and that it's "really complex and the unfortunate thing is that the state is having to cut more from education." Another program under consideration for reduction is all-day kindergarten. Currently, the district absorbs the cost; Orcas is 484 down on the list for the next round of state funding. Director Lancaster asked that Whitaker follow up with counsel regarding payments to mahlum from capital projects fund. The district is bound by contracts, so they must reduce where they legally can. The Budget Advisory Committee will convene on Monday, Jan 31st; a Special School Board meeting will follow on Feb 1, 2012 for board action.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

January is School Board Appreciation month. Certificates of Appreciation were handed out to all School Board Directors.

SPECIAL REPORTS:

PSE Representative, Jan Reid, reported that she and PSE Union Representative Tim Busch would be meeting with Supt. Barbara Kline the next day.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS:**Business Manager Report:**

Business Mgr. Whitaker submitted report in writing to the board previously. He solicited questions from the board. Lancaster asked about the fund balance projection. Whitaker stated that there was no way to get to \$338,000 target. He estimates it at roughly \$200,000. He is awaiting the next round of tax receipts. Whitaker went on to explain that they are almost finished with coding changes on the new accounting system.

K-8 Principal /Food Services Report:

Principal Freeman submitted his report in writing previously. The elementary school is warm.

Facilities and Transportation Report:

Facilities and Transportation Mgr. Johnson submitted his report in writing previously. He has been evaluating bus routes. All fire alarm systems will be up to code. There will be no pull stations. Eight gallons of water fell on the hs gym floor due to snow blowing in under the eaves. Despite tarps, there is some water damage to the floor by the bleachers. The ms water heater parts are on order and will arrive soon. Flooding between the library and elementary continues when it rains, however, is somewhat mitigated as the protocols such as pumping, etc. have become routine.

Superintendent/Principal Report:

Superintendent/Principal Barbara Kline submitted a written report previously. Snow days will be made up at the end of the school year.